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*Signature today R.V. Smith
Name of/ and
Godfrey, D/I*

17 January 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 17 January 1966

Miss [] of OCI gave a background briefing on Algeria.

DD/I noted that queries and requirements had been given to the Saigon station and NSA for information pertaining to the level of incidents and infiltration in South Vietnam since the bombing pause. Replies are in and are being assessed. The preliminary view is that there has been no real lull in Viet Cong activity. DCI asked that the study of VC incidents include descriptions of their type and nature and that the study describe the patterns of previous "lulls."



Godfrey noted a Washington Post story today pertaining to a pledge of loyalty to Sukarno by Indonesian military leaders. There is no confirmation of this, but it would not be considered surprising and is not seen as a "capitulation" to Sukarno.

Kent reported on discussions that he, [] had had with Secretary McNamara on 14 January concerning the Secretary's request for an assessment of bomb damage in North Vietnam. The Secretary agreed to a six- to eight-week time period for preparation of the report. He invited Kent and Company to get access to all necessary inside information, and this will be the subject of follow-up today in conversations with General Robert Taylor and Admiral Mustin, the latter of the Joint Staff.

Kent noted a request by Bill Bundy for a BNE memo, due the morning of 20 January, addressing the consequences of the resumption of U. S. bombing strikes against North Vietnam as well as the consequences of deferring indefinitely such a resumption.

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Sheldon for DD/S&T reported that there will be a [] launch on 19 January and a CORONA launch on 24 January.

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Sheldon noted that the Committee of Principals will meet on 18 January to discuss certain nuclear matters pertaining to a threshold proposal. Don Chamberlain is prepared to brief the DCI prior to the meeting.



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The IG reported that work will begin this week on an intelligence requirements survey. All components of the Agency will be approached.

The IG noted that there may be some delay in beginning the Agency procurement survey. [] will be ready to participate about 14 February. Certain preliminary actions and steps will be taken in the meantime.

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DD/P noted receipt of [] view that the recent alarming embassy telegram from Rhodesia was exaggerated. It was noted that the CIB carries a balanced assessment on the Rhodesia situation and outlook.

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DDCI noted that favorable comments made by Senator Symington concerning the Agency on 14 January were carried in the wire service but not in the local newspapers.

DCI reported on his lengthy meeting with the President on 15 January covering the world situation and Vietnam. Both the President and the DCI expressed their full confidence in the competence and work of the Agency.

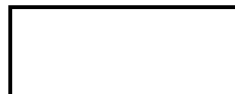
DCI referred to the "tough year" ahead and asked all in attendance to join with their associates in recognizing the challenges that will

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confront us and in responding where and how we can to support U. S. policymakers. The DCI said that our most important function is to ensure that objective facts and Agency views are available to policymakers in a timely way so that these will receive full consideration before decisions are made.



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